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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 18-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 03/18/00	Previous Week 03/11/00
Bro-Fry	159,120	155,444
Lt Hens	1,973	2,118
Hvy Hens	1,538	1,615

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 11-Mar- 2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	408	0	408
Last Week	390	0	390
Same Wk Yr Ago	456	6	462
To Date 2000	5,389	27	5,416
To Date 1999	4,789	81	4,870

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,517	1,513	4,030
Last Week	2,501	1,361	3,862
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,516	1,247	3,763
To Date 2000	25,753	13,551	39,304
To Date 1999	26,372	13,255	39,627

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 11-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,100 (A)	2,109	1,513	3,622
Avg Wt	4.89	3.38	7.77	5.22
Last Week	154,916	2,111	1,361	3,472
Same Week Yr Ago	150,397	2,060	1,241	3,301
Avg Wt	4.98	3.38	8.67	5.37
To-Date/2000	1,538,534	20,364	13,524	33,888
To-Date/1999	1,504,021	21,583	13,174	34,757

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.0 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,  
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending March 4, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	36,065	36,754	34,944
Avg Weight	3.84	4.86	6.21
% Of Total /1	33%	34%	32%
Comparisons			
Last Week	32,847	24,195	43,049
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.06
% Of Total /1	33%	24%	43%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	34,745	29,966	42,242
Avg Weight	3.74	4.91	6.12
% Of Total /1	32%	28%	39%
To Date/2000	306,592	267,674	362,213
To Date/1999	302,809	282,145	389,313
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 04-Mar-2000  
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	3,971	2	18	3,991
Avg Wt	25.92	42.50	27.56	25.94
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	5,350	2	58	5,410
Same Week Yr Ago	3,866	9	33	3,908
Avg Wt	25.37	24.00	27.00	25.38
To-Date/2000	40,103	41	322	40,551
To-Date/1999	40,335	143	277	40,755

(B) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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